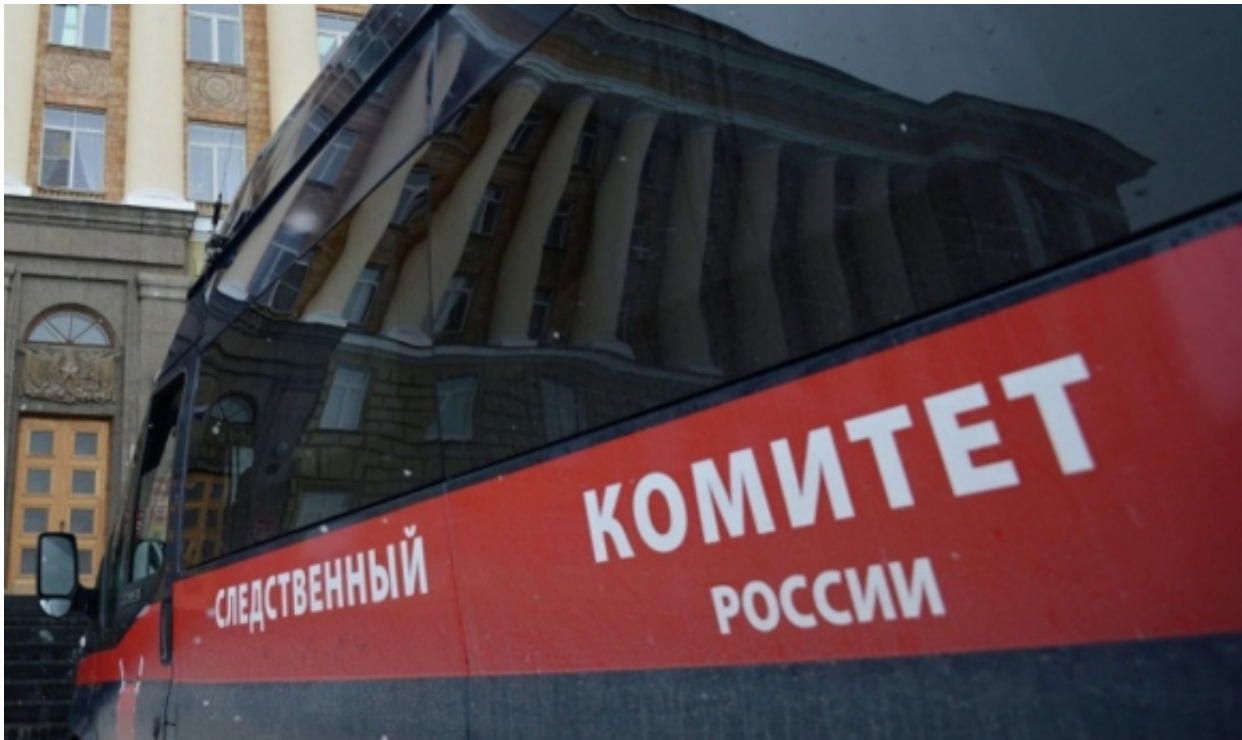


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## **Investigative Committee launches two probes into new cases of poisoning with fake alcohol in Krasnoyarsk, including fatal cases**



The Krasnoyarsk Territory Directorate of the Investigative Committee has opened two criminal cases into new facts of poisoning with sub-quality alcohol in Krasnoyarsk. The first case was opened into a crime under Part 1 of Article 238 of the RF Penal Code (production or selling goods or products that do not meet life or health safety standards) after four people, including two minors, were poisoned by counterfeit Jack Daniels whisky. The second case was opened into a crime under Part 2, item “c” of Article 238 of the RF Penal Code (production or selling goods or products that do not meet life or health safety standards if it entailed grievous bodily harm or death) after a 40-year-old Krasnoyarsk resident died of fake alcohol poisoning.

Earlier the Krasnoyarsk Territory Directorate of the Investigative Committee has warned the residents many times against buying fake alcohol mimicking famous labels and about possible consequences, including fatal outcomes from drinking such alcohol. Despite that there are still cases of poisoning with counterfeit Jack Daniels whisky in Krasnoyarsk.

According to investigators, on 11 April 2016, two 18-year-old men and two 15-year-old and 14-year-

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old girls were delivered to the toxicological department of the emergency medical aid hospital in Krasnoyarsk: all of them were diagnosed with acute poisoning with methyl alcohol. Their lives are now out of danger. The investigators have revealed that on 9 April 2016, they drank fake alcohol brought in by the relative of one of the young men. She has told that she had gotten the alcohol from her cohabiter. During investigative and search operations the investigators and police officers went to their flat and found there the dead body of the 40-year-old man. The preliminary cause of death is poisoning with fake alcohol.

At present investigative and search operations are underway to find out the initial place the alcohol had been purchased from. Both of the investigations are ongoing.

It should be noted that in 2015, the Investigative Committee registered poisoning and deaths of people after drinking some counterfeit drinks which were often bought from under-the-counter. In Krasnoyarsk alone, in November 2015, 11 people died of alcohol poisoning and 19 cases were opened into those deaths with charges pressed against 9 people. Considering the interregional nature of the investigation and the necessity to carry out investigative operations outside Krasnoyarsk Territory the cases have been passed on to the 5<sup>th</sup> department of the Investigative Committee's Head Office based in the city of Novosibirsk.

The investigative Committee is once more asking all residents of the country to be vigilant and do not buy alcohol from doubtful places: vial the Internet or from under-the-counter.

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